DEAD?
THE HELL, UNDER WHAT CIRCUM-STANCES ...!?
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WAS IT HIKAWA?
DO NOT TELL ANY-ONE WHAT YOU'VE SEEN FURUKAWA.
I'LL DEAL WITH THE AFTER-MATH FROM HERE.
IS IT REALLY TRUE?
NO ...
MIDO... IS...

CHAPTER 170
MOONLIT KNIGHT #28
THERE'S GOING TO BE A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AFTER WE SUPPRESS THE FIRE SO DON'T TOUCH THE BODIES!
WHAT? WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

I'M NEARING THE CONTROL ROOM.
THE UNKNOWN... IT'S HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT ALL OF THE EVENTS WERE CAUSED BY THE WOMAN ON THE ROOF!
THAT'S RIGHT, WE HAVE A WITNESS TESTIMONY!
SFX KAKON "CLANG"
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HIKAWA IS QUITE USEFUL.
YOU'VE CLOSED YOUR EYES TO WHAT WAS GOING ON HERE, HAVEN'T YOU?
HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO EXPERIMENT WITH VIOLATING THE LAW?
HOWEVER, THAT MAN.
AS YOU WILL.
I MIGHT BE MISTAKEN, BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE HE HOLDS A GRUDGE AGAINST ME.

THE EXPERIMENTS COULD RUN FAR BETTER IF WE WERE TO DEPLOY THE ARMY IN CITIES...
TO BE USEFUL THEY JUST NEED A LITTLE MODIFYING.
GATHERING SOCIETY'S USELESS PEOPLE...
IT PROBABLY WASN'T CHARITY TO SUBJECT PIOUS MEN AND WOMEN TO THESE EXPERIMENTS.
AND THAT'S NOT ALL.
I GOT BACK ON MY FEET THANKS TO THIS.
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SFX: KAKON *CLANG*
THOSE WHO ARE ONLY WAITING FOR ME TO DIE WON'T BE ABLE TO THROW THEIR WEIGHT AROUND.
WITH THIS MOMENTUM, I'LL BE ABLE TO CLEAN HOUSE IN THE PARTY NEXT YEAR.
HAA...
I'VE BEEN IN A USELESS STATE FOR 30 YEARS BUT NOW THIS HAS GIVEN ME A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE
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HIKAWA IS THE ONLY ONE YOU CAN'T HANDLE WELL AFTER ALL.
AFTER THAT, I'LL COMMIT TO YOUR MEMORY HOW TO HANDLE YOUR SUBORDINATES
I'LL BACK YOU UP.
THANK YOU... VERY MUCH.
YOU CAN CONTINUE YOUR WORK FOR NOW, BUT YOU SHOULD PREPARE YOUR CANDIDACY FOR A PROPER GOVERNMENT POST.
IN ORDER TO EXERT MORE INFLUENCE, YOU MUST ALSO GET ELECTED.
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EVEN AFTER THE RESEARCH IS COMPLETED, YOU SHOULD LET HIM GO.
KILLING THAT GUY IS A BIT MORE...
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WORK WELL, SHIGENOBU.
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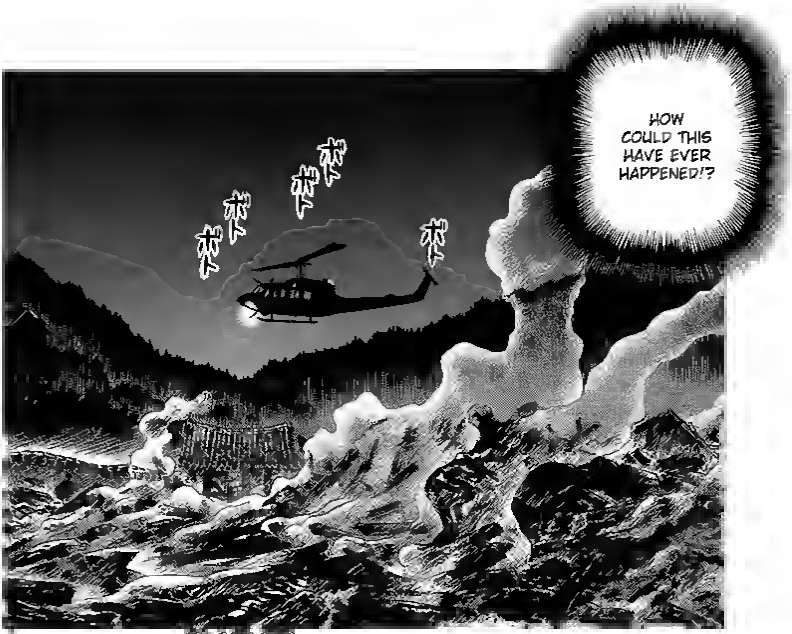
THE ONLY GOOD THING THAT CAME FROM THIS WAS HIKAWA'S DEATH!
WHAT THE HECK.



SFX: BOTO BOTO

PATIENCE, JUST A BIT MORE
IT HURTS, IT HURTS, IT HURTS!!
SFX GUSHI GUSHI
8 HOURS LATER
AH..
GAAA

HAAH
THE ANALGESIC EFFECT OF THE PATCH WILL KICK IN AS SOON AS IT IS ABSORBED BY YOUR BODY
THIS WAY, SENKAWA TSUTOMU WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.
ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, I HOPE IT WILL BE USEFUL
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
GETTING INJURED A LOT THESE DAYS
DOES IT HURT?
IT'S OK, IT'S OK.
SO WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE THIS?
UHH, UMM...
SFX: CHORO "SCURRY"

IS THAT SO.
OFF-ICERS!
BECAUSE WE ALL FELT WORRIED ABOUT YOUR BEHAVIOUR, SO WE LEFT TO STAND GUARD OVER YOU.
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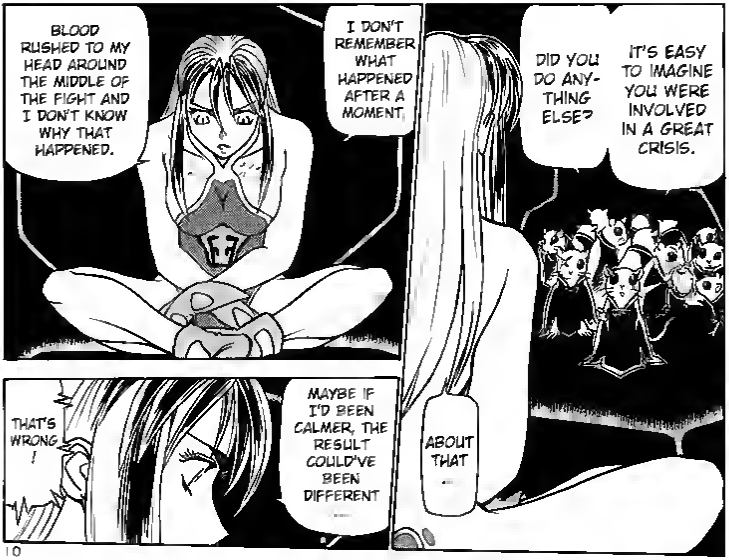
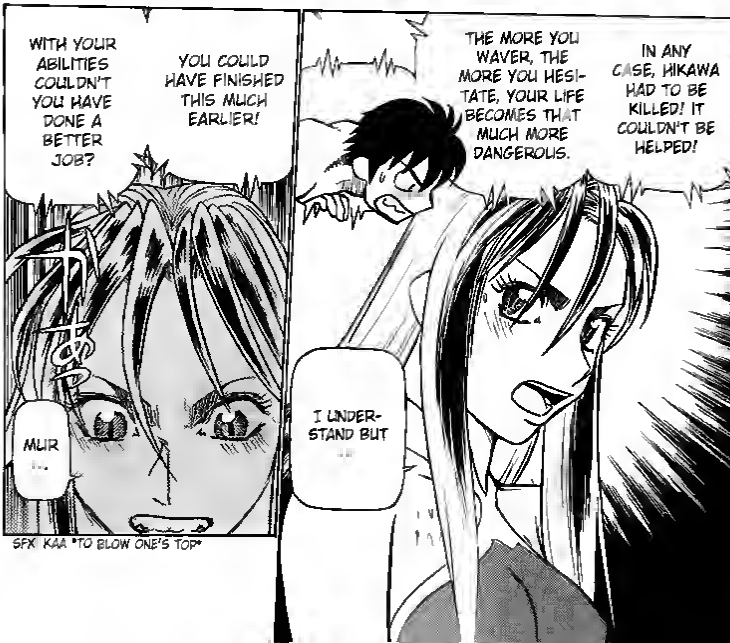
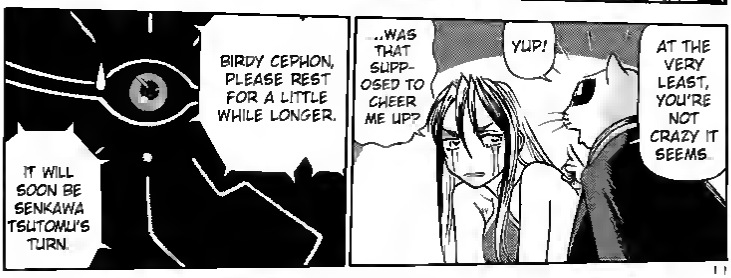
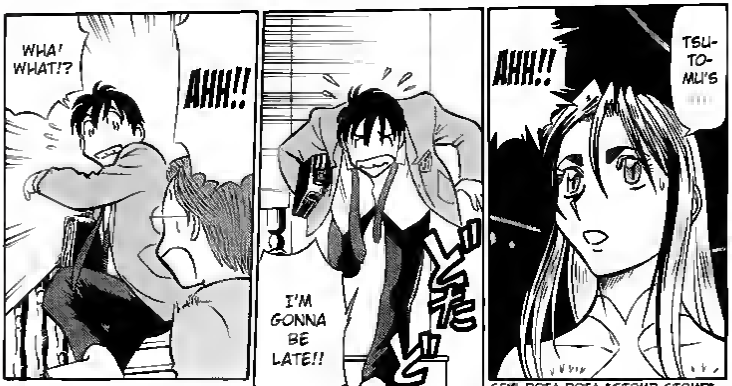
AFTER ALL, YOU MESSED UP.
EVEN SO, IF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION REQUIRES IT THEN EXCEPTIONS CAN BE APPLIED.
BUT IN THE CASE OF IXORIANS, THEY MUST STRICTLY ADHERE TO THESE PROVISIONS BECAUSE OF THEIR OVERWHELMING ABILITIES.
LOOKING AT YOUR SCARS...
THE NON-LETHAL PROVISIONS DO NOT FORCE INVESTIGATORS TO SACRIFICE THEMSELVES IF THEY MUST KILL TO SURVIVE.
HOWEVER, WAS THERE NO OTHER CHOICE?


BLOOD RUSHED TO MY HEAD AROUND THE MIDDLE OF THE FIGHT AND I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT HAPPENED.
I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED AFTER A MOMENT.
DID YOU DO ANY-THING ELSE?
IT'S EASY TO IMAGINE YOU WERE INVOLVED IN A GREAT CRISIS.
THAT'S WRONG!
MAYBE IF I'D BEEN CALMER, THE RESULT COULD'VE BEEN DIFFERENT...
ABOUT THAT...


WITH YOUR ABILITIES COULDN'T YOU HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB?
YOU COULD HAVE FINISHED THIS MUCH EARLIER!
MUR...
THE MORE YOU WAVER, THE MORE YOU HESI-TATE, YOUR LIFE BECOMES THAT MUCH MORE DANGEROUS.
IN ANY CASE, HIKAWA HAD TO BE KILLED! IT COULDN'T BE HELPED!
I UNDER-STAND BUT...
SFX: KAA *TO BLOW ONE'S TOP*

MURDER IS ATROCIOUS AND INHUMAN ISN'T IT!!
UU.....
IT'S A TERRIBLE THING NO MATTER HOW YOU PUT IT!
WELL, ABOUT YOUR BLACKOUT, WHETHER YOU'RE SANE OR NOT
AHH, WELL...


AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU'RE NOT CRAZY IT SEEMS.
YUP!
..WAS THAT SUPP-OSED TO CHEER ME UP?
BIRDY CEPHON, PLEASE REST FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
IT WILL SOON BE SENKAWA TSUTOMU'S TURN.


TSU-TO-MU'S
AHH!!
SFX: DOTA DOTA *STOMP STOMP*
I'M GONNA BE LATE!!
AHH!!
WHA! WHAT!?

SFX: KIN KON KAN KON "SCHOOL BELL"

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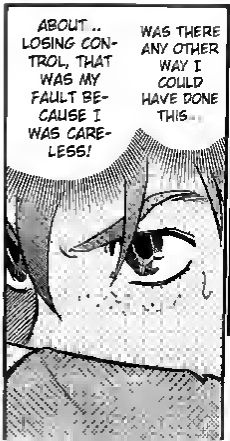

I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE I'D NEVER BEEN PRESSURED THAT MUCH BEFORE?
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D KILL A MAN IN SUCH AN UNREASONABLE WAY.

URGH

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IT'S NOTHING...
AHH... I WAS JUST A LITTLE LOST IN THOUGHT...
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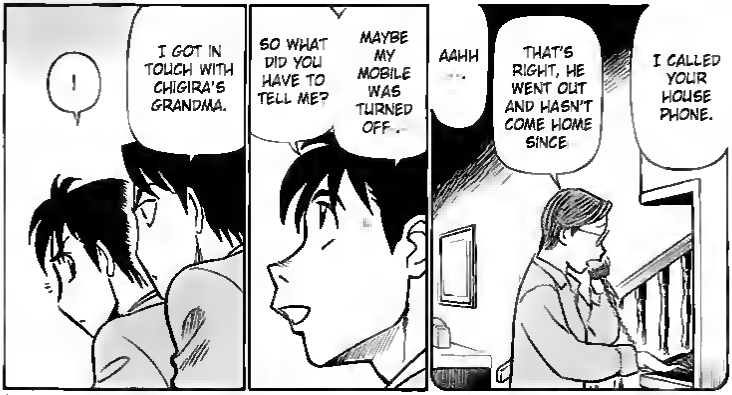
YOU ALRIGHT? YOU'RE LOOKING KINDA PALE
HEY

AFTER TRYING YOUR CELL-PHONE...
I CALLED YOU LAST NIGHT.
HUH
I THINK SOMETHING HAPPENED WHEN YOU LEFT YOUR HOUSE YESTERDAY
IF THAT'S THE CASE, GOOD...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I GOT IN TOUCH WITH CHIGIRA'S GRANDMA.
SO WHAT DID YOU HAVE TO TELL ME?
MAYBE MY MOBILE WAS TURNED OFF...
AAHH...
THAT'S RIGHT, HE WENT OUT AND HASN'T COME HOME SINCE
I CALLED YOUR HOUSE PHONE.

LEAVING.
SHE'S GOING TO BE LEAVING TOKYO FOR A WHILE.

THEN, WHAT ABOUT CHIGIRA?
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO GO BACK HOME!
WELL, YES BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW
COULD IT BE THAT THOSE GUYS AIMING FOR CHIGIRA ARE GETTING CLOSER?
THAT'S NOT POSS-IBLE!
THAT'S
NOT POSSIBLE

SFX: KIRI "CHAIRS SCRAPING"

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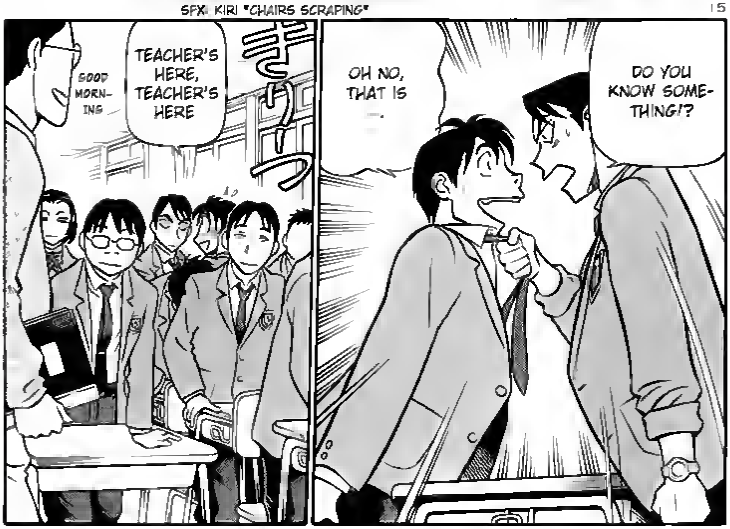

THIS IS A BIT SAD BUT...
BEFORE HOMEROOM BEGINS...
UHH
HR

THIS MORNING, HIS GRAND-MOTHER PASSED ON A MESSAGE FROM HIM...
KAZUYOSHI CHIGIRA WILL BE TAKING A LEAVE FROM CLASSES FOR MEDICAL REASONS.

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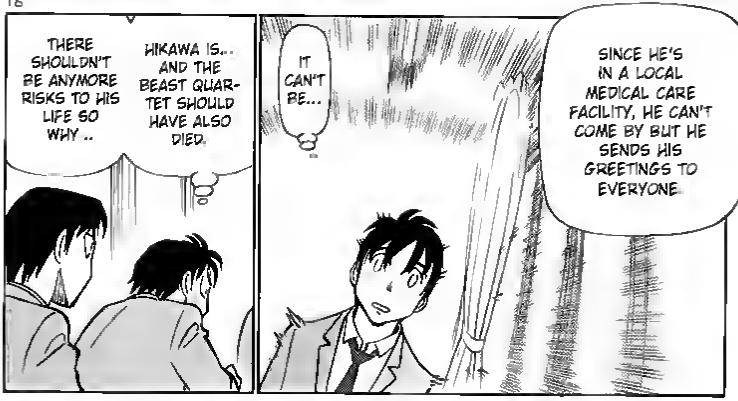
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANYMORE RISKS TO HIS LIFE SO WHY ..
HIKAWA IS... AND THE BEAST QUAR-TET SHOULD HAVE ALSO DIED.
IT CAN'T BE...
SINCE HE'S IN A LOCAL MEDICAL CARE FACILITY, HE CAN'T COME BY BUT HE SENDS HIS GREETINGS TO EVERYONE.

BUT FOR THOSE OF US WHO REMAIN, LET'S GO!
UM, I THINK THAT WHAT HAPPENED TO CHIGIRA WAS VERY REGRETABLE.
YES
WELL THEN
THAT'S NOT IT, CHIGIRA.
WE.. BECAUSE OF..
FOR THE NOVEMBER KUON FESTIVAL, OUR CLASS SHOULD START PLANNING WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO SOON
BECAUSE IT WILL BE OUR FIRST TIME...
SFX: UI-N *WINDOW ROLLING UP*

IF I SEE MY FRIENDS FACES, I THINK I MIGHT CRY...
I HAD TO LET IT GO.
YOU WISH YOU COULD HAVE SAID GOODBYE.
THEN, LET'S GO.
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ON A JOURNEY TOWARDS YOUR FUTURE...
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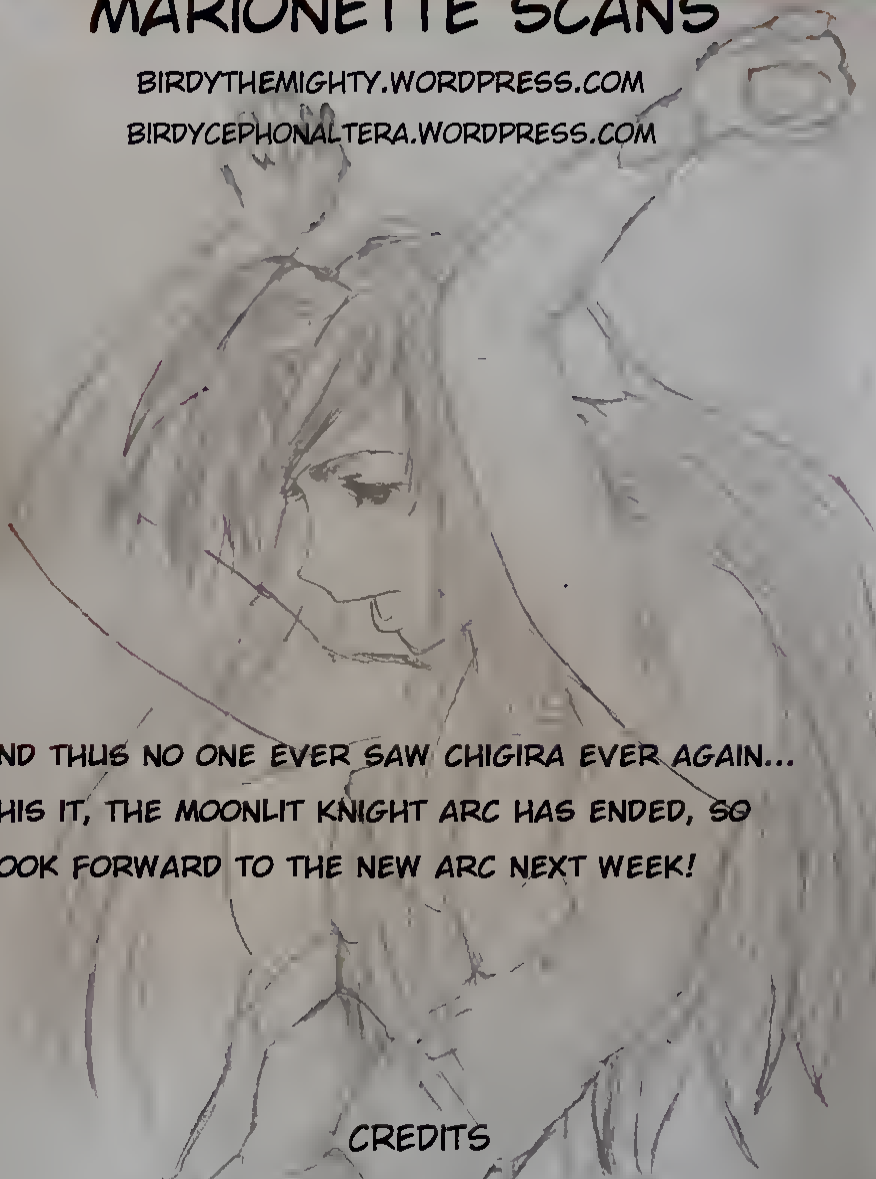

AND THUS NO ONE EVER SAW CHIGIRA EVER AGAIN...

THIS IT, THE MOONLIT KNIGHT ARC HAS ENDED, SO LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW ARC NEXT WEEK!

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